



Quarterly Report

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The City of Arlington is making great strides in expending, reporting, and performing ARRA program objectives. This 4th quarter report represents the end of the second fiscal year of reporting with only one year remaining. The range of accomplishments achieved with this funding is staggering. One such project – the energy efficiency upgrades at the City Office Tower - proves just that.

Upgrades to the City Office Tower

The largest municipal building in downtown Arlington is getting an energy-efficient face lift. Located at 101 S. Mesquite, the City Office Tower houses Municipal Court, Vital Records, Code Enforcement, Workforce Services, and other city departments.

Contractors began in September installing new double-pane insulated window panels on the eight-story building. The old single-pane windows allowed rain to seep inside and leaked hot and cold air, causing utility bills to soar.

Contractors are also installing a new make-up air unit on the roof to bring fresh air into the building to help with pressurization. In addition, crews will renovate restrooms on the third and sixth floors to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Stalls will widen from three to five feet, making them more accessible to patrons.

The project costs a total of \$2,309,756. The City of Arlington is funding \$232,000 and the balance is funded by the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) made possible by stimulus funds. The estimated utility savings created by these upgrade are \$78,000 per year.

Alf Bumgardner, public works and transportation construction manager, is overseeing the project and said, "This was a great opportunity to make energy-efficient upgrades and save some money; it just made sense."

The City Office Tower is one of the most visited municipal buildings due to the services offered. The Construction Management Division is working to minimize inconvenience during construction.

Work has already been completed on the fourth floor, which will provide temporary space for employees displaced from other floors during repairs. Each floor will take approximately two to three weeks to install the new windows.

Municipal Court is expected to close briefly in late November or early December while first- and second-floor windows are replaced, Bumgardner said. All of the work is scheduled for completion around the beginning of next year, but the impact of construction will be felt for years to come.



Upgrades to the City Tower that will save money and energy are under way.

Other milestones achieved in this quarter include:

- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)** - All allocated funding has been obligated in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Through 9/30/11, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program has assisted 25 homebuyers purchase a foreclosed home through the homebuyer assistance program, and has sold six of the eight homes that were purchased and rehabilitated under the acquisition/rehabilitation activity. Plans are underway for construction of two new, energy efficient homes under the acquisition/demolition/redevelopment activity.
- **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)** - Through 9/30/11, the Weatherization Assistance Program has weatherized 317 homes since the program began in January 2010. The City anticipates expending 100% of the funding provided, and weatherizing an additional 23 homes to close out this grant, which has been extended through 12/31/11.
- **COPS** - Three **Crime Analysts** continue to provide support to operations staff. During last quarter, 87 Crime Bulletins were created, and 61 incidents were documented in which the Analysts gave assistance to other agencies.

The two **Public Safety Assistants** returned 550 work hours to Patrol. The PSA South Division alone handled 442 calls for service during the last quarter.

The **Teen Court Coordinator** reported high rates of successful completion of the teen program for the last two months of the quarter-- 75% in August and 77% for September. In addition, over 1,425 hours of Community Service were performed by teen defendants involved in this court program during the third quarter of the year.

The **Police Technology Specialist** assisted with the implementation of the Panasonic Arbitrator DVR (digital video recorder) system in 15 traffic division vehicles. This is the new DVR system that Arlington Police Department is installing in all APD vehicles, replacing outdated Digital Patrollers. These digital recorders will be used to record interactions between officers and citizens during traffic stops, evidentiary collection, and suspect arrests for use during investigations and in court proceedings.

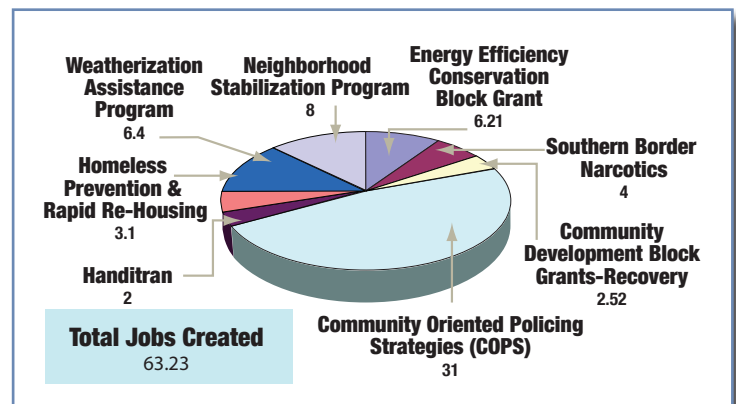
- **Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant - Window replacement** was started on the City Tower, after delays due to the manufacturer of the aluminum frames. The fourth floor currently has empty office space, and window replacement started there so that staff from the other floors can have a place to work undisturbed on the fourth floor while the windows in their offices are replaced. Windows will be replaced one floor at a time. Next phase will be the seventh floor.

Work continued on the **Energy Efficiency Action Plan**, for which a final draft will be reviewed by a Citizens Review Committee in November.

The Texas Engineering Extension Service continued research on **Energy Code Enhancements**, and meetings with stakeholders to discuss the possible energy code changes have commenced.

We drew down \$145,130.55 to cover expenses as the work was completed.

More information on the Arlington ARRA funding can be found at www.arlingtontx.gov/recovery/index.html.



- ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- EECBG – Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants
- CDBG-R – Community Development Block Grants-Recovery
- Byrne JAG – Byrne Justice Assistance Grants
- COPS – Community Oriented Policing Strategies
- DOJ Combating Criminal Narcotics for Southern Border States – Department of Justice Combating Criminal Narcotics for Southern Border States

